

**Monadnock Regional School District
Education/Technology Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2024
SAU Conference Room, Swanzey, NH**

Members Present: Hannah Blood, Scott Peters and Edmond LaPlante. **Absent:** Gina Carraro

Also Present: Paul Goodhind, MS Vice Principal via Zoom, Erin Kelly, teacher, Becky Russell, Vice Principal and L. Aivaliotis, Recording Secretary.

1. **Call the Meeting to Order:** S. Peters called the meeting to order.
2. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
3. **Election of Chair: MOTION:** S. Peters **MOVED** to nominate H. Blood as the new Chair of the Ed/Tech Committee. **SECOND:** H. Blood. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
4. **Approval of the September 12, 2024 and October 23, 2024 Ed/Tech Committee Meeting Minutes: MOTION:** H. Blood **MOVED** to approve the September 12, 2024 and the October 23, 2024 Ed/Tech Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** S.Peters **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
5. **Feedback from Cell Phone Policy Webinar:** The committee would like to ask L. Spencer for information on the recent webinar.
6. **Working Session: Cell Phone Policy Review:** The committee received information from the staff survey regarding cell phones, there were 54 responses. The survey was held at a mandatory staff meeting. There were teachers and paras in the responses. The committee reviewed the survey. It was commented in the survey that the cell phone policy is a challenge, the staff has to be united in order to enforce it. The information will need to be shared with the Board and the community. The Board may want to conduct a parent survey. It was commented that the 9th and 10th graders cannot use social media correctly. It is a learning piece throughout high school. MCVP is an agency that teaches the students to use the cell phones correctly. They concentrate on the laws, consent of others and selfies. They also discuss sexual harassment and sexual assault. S. Peters presented the NHSBA Sample Policy JICM/GBEBE Personal Computing Devices to the committee. This policy is not in the MRSD Policy Book. The committee would like to have two separate policies, one for the students and one for the staff. It is a challenge for the staff. The staff use their phones and tell the students not to use their phones. The committee spoke about the staff allowing the students to use their phones in class. P. Goodhind said it is a professional judgment to use technology appropriately. During a staff meeting it can be explained when to allow the students to use the cell phones without insulting

their professional judgment. B. Russell commented that the higher-level teachers in the 11th and 12th grades want to have the students use their cell phones for assignments. P. Goodhind said we will need to take time prior to the beginning of the start of school and explain what the Cell Phone Policy means. Hash out the expectations. Taught by the administration and told to the entire staff. Clear expectations told by the administration to the staff. P. Goodhind does not feel that the teachers will need approval every time for the students to use their cell phones during a lesson but maybe prior to a Unit. Good communication between the professional and the administration. The committee discussed a private space for the staff to use their cell phones on their breaks. It was suggested to have a landline available for staff to use. E.LaPlante asked about the use of cell phones during ISS or study halls. P. Goodhind explained that the person monitoring the ISS is helping with the student's instructional time and is not on their phones. The committee discussed the next steps. Visitors to the campus are subject to the network. Recording would require permission. Coaches and volunteers also need to be addressed in the cell phone policy.

7. **Philosophy Planning: Health and Wellness:** The committee will work on this philosophy when the Cell Phone Policy is complete.
8. **Other:** No other business tonight.
9. **Assignments and agenda for next meeting: December 4, 2024, 4:30 PM.**
10. **Public Comments:** There were no public comments.
11. **Motion to adjourn: MOTION:** H. Blood **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 PM. **SECOND:** E.LaPlante **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary